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PERSONAL.—Mr. Shelton C. Davis, clerk of the Senate, is suffering from a carbuncle on his face.

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IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CHRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY TUESDAY DECEMBER 25, 1877. WEATHER REPORT.

possibly shifting in the interior to westerly, falling barometer, cloudy and rainy possi-For the Gulf States, warmer westerly winds, rising barometer, and partly cloudy weather.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the South

Atlantic States, diminishing easterly winds,

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For Tennessee and the Obio Valley, southeast to southwest winds, falling barometer, the Christian festive days, often confounded the letters I. H. S., a crown, and a star-all warmer, cloudy and rainy weather, followed by cooler westerly winds and clearing wea-

For the Middle States, easterly winds backing to northwest, stationary or lower tained from Pope Julius I. an order for an temperature, partly cloudy and clearing investigation to be made concerning Christ's weather, possibly preceded by light rains in nativity. The result of the inquiry by the the Middle Atlantic States. The temperature will remain above freez-

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was cloudy, raw, and threatening.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 44 A. M., 47; noon, 47; 3 P. M., 47; 6 P. M., 48; midnight, 46.

LOCAL MATTERS.

RICHMOND IN 1877 .- We are preparing, with even more care and labor than usual, songs of the shepherds at the birth of Christ, take place. our first-of-January double No. of the Dis-patch, embracing all the facts and figures ple ceased to understand Latin. The bishwhich show the history and progress of the city in every department-social, civil, religious, educational, commercial, manufac- tambours, violins, and organs. Fathers, mo- standing in the vestibule, is a large cross turing, &c., &c .- during the year 1877.

A very large extra edition of this issue will be published; but to prevent disappointment news-dealers and others should send in their orders by the 28th instant. tween the nocturnal masses, and which Advertisers wanting additional space must sometimes took the place of Psalms in the contract for it on or before that day.

CHURCH NOTES .- At the Monumental church on Sunday morning Rev. Hugh Ray Scott assisted the pastor and gave an interesting account of his recent visit to England. The usual services were held in the Meth-

odist churches. At Sidney Baptist church the Sunday school was unusually large, and is con-The pastor preached stantly increasing. morning and night.

At the First Baptist church the pastor preached in the morning, and baptized At night he preached again and baptized eight. The series of meetings closed Friday night, several being received into the church then, and several coming forward for prayers. During this meeting to partake of a colation, that they may be thirty-six have been baptized, and some are At Grace-Street Baptist church the pastor

preached in the morning on the subject of 'Christmas Gifts." He also preached at At Fulton Baptist church the pastor

preached in the morning. In the afternoon he church had a missionary meeting. During the exercises a suit of clothes were presented to the pastor. Dr. Hatcher, on schalf of the church, made the presentation speech, to the acceptance of all. At Clay-street Baptist church Rev. C. H.

Ryland preached in the morning and at night very interesting and effective sermons. The series of meetings in that church closed Sunday night. Thirteen have been received for baptism, and others have professed conversion. The Sunday school numbers 168, and is steadily increasing. At Pine-Street Baptist church the pastor preached in the morning. Rev. J. M. But-

ler preached at night a very pathetic ser-SCOTCH RASPBERRY, STRAWBERRY, and mon. The Sunday school was the largest during the year, numbering 312 scholars and teachers. At the Leigh-Street Baptist church the

number in the Sunday school was 550. The pastor preached to large congregations morning and night. On Wednesday he baptized three. The Sunday-school room has been repainted and newly seated, and is now beautiful and comfortable.

At the Venable-Street Baptist church the pastor preacded in the morning in reference to the holidays. At the Second Baptist church the pastor preached in the morning and took up a col-

lection for foreign missions. He preached at night also. The "Moment after Death" was the sub-

day evening. The congregation was very large. Not only were all the pews occube obtained. THE FORGERY CASE .- A. Maas was before

the Police Court yesterday on the charge of forging and uttering a check for \$100 drawn | cold northern parts are suddenly and in the name of A. M. Harrison on the strangely metamorphosed into wolves; and Citizens' Bank. Mass went to the house of that a huge multitude of them meet to-D. O. Davis & Co. on Saturday and pur- gether at an appointed place during the chased liquors (which have never been de- night, and rage so fiercely against mankind livered) to the amount of \$90.35, and re- and other creatures not fierce by nature ceived \$9.65 in currency. The check was marked in red ink "good," and undermore from their attacks than ever they do CHOICE SHERRY, PORT, CLARET, and COOKING-WINE:
INGREDIENTS FOR EGG-NOG, which always of the control of the cont Saturday afternoon the officers said that Mr. Harrison kept no account there. Maas was then arrested. Sunday two other parties were arrested charged with being ac-

cessories. Maas waived examination and was sent on to the grand jury. The two accused were discharged, there being no evidence whatever against them. Maas was com-

mitted to jail. Maas states that he received the check from a man called Hardy, who proposed to go in the bar-keeping business with him. Hardy cannot now be found; if, indeed, there is any such party. The writing on the check is evidently not Maas's. If guilty, he must have had an accomplice. The case is a very pretty one for some of our enterprising police officers to work up fully.

ANOTHER MAIN-STREET WINDOW BROKEN ROBBERY .- About 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening Mr. Abram Harris, pawnbroker on Main street, closed his front door and went propriate effect. The arch within the chaninto an adjoining room to eat supper. cel, together with the large pillows upon Shortly afterwards one of his show-window panes was smashed. He came out white cloth edged with wreaths of everwhen he heard the noise and saw a colored green, and so artistically arranged that man retreating down Main street, followed it looks as if carved of beautiful marble. by a dog. It was found that a cocoanut had been thrown against the pane, making a large hole in it. Mr. Harris is under the impression that a gold watch was stolen. Thieves seem to have adopted this and pleasing feature of the decorations is a

THE TOBACCO TRADE .- There were no trsnsactions at the Tobacco Exchange yes-

CHRISTMAS-DAY.

Church Decorations.

HOW THE FESTIVAL WAS CELEBRATED IN OLD TIMES-SOME INTERESTING FACTS-CHRISTMAS OF TO-DAY-THE CHURCHES-DECORATIONS AT THE EPISCOPAL, CATH-TIVITIES AT THE SECOND BAPTIST ship. CHURCH LECTURE-ROOM LAST EVENING;

be observed throughout all the Eastern Churches in the months of April and May. In the fourth century, it is said. the urgency of St. Cyril of Jerusalem ob-Theologians of the East and West was an agreement upon the 25th of December, and ing in the canal regions of Maryland and it has been a common tradition that Christ was born in the middle of the night.

> During the middle ages the day was celedramatic mysteries and moralities, performed by personages in grotesque masks the East." and singular costumes. The scenery usually represented an infant in a cradle, surrounded by the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, by ple ceased to understand Latin. The bishtaining two carols presented in the Bodleian library, in a volume of "Ancient Christ-mas Carols." During the last days preced-Calabrian minstrels to descend from the infant at the approaching Christmas.

PREPARATORY TO CHRISTMAS. The bells are rung at dead midnight throughout England and the continent preparatory to Christmas, and after the solemn celebration of the mass, for which the churches in France and Italy are magnificently adorned, it is usual for the revellers better able to sustain the fatigues of the night. Among the revels of the Christmas season were the so-called feasts of fools and of asses-grotesque saturnalia, which were sometimes termed "December Liberties." in which everything serious was burlesqued, inferiors personifying their superiors, great men becoming frolicsome, and all illustrating the propeness of man to occasionally reverse the order of society and

ridicule its decencies. In the Protestant districts of Germany and the north of Europe Christmas is often called the "Children's Festival," and Christmas-eve is devoted to giving presents especially between parents and children. and brothers, by means of the Christmas tree. A large yex-bough is erected in one of the parlors, lighted with tapers and hung nu's, playthings, and ornaments. Each of these is marked with the name of the person for whom it is intended, but not with the name of the donor, and when the whole family is assembled the presents are distributed around the room according to their labels, amid joyful acclamations and congratulations.

A MORE SOBER SCENE.

But a more sober scene precedes the festivities around the Christmas-tree, for the mother takes occasion to say privately to the daughters, and the father to the sons, what has been observed most praiseworthy and One of the most beautiful features of the what most faulty in their conduct. Formerly, and still in some parts of North Germany, the presents made by all the parents | white and green mess, and from the centre | were sent to some one person, who, in high of the mound, in the bowl of the font, rises buskins, a white robe, a mask, and an enor- a cross of evergreens, giving an exquisite mous flax wig-becoming the bugbear of the children-known as Knecht Rupert, ject of a sermon of much eloquence and goes from house to house, is received by the power delivered by Rev. Dr. Hoge on Sun- parents with great pomp and reverence, calls for the children, and bestows the intended gifts upon them according to the of Hebel Christ-Baum celebra'es the Ger- Boykin. man ceremonies of Christmas-eve.

It is an old Swedish tradition that at the festival of Christmas the men living in the

Christmas Decorations in the

Churches. But it is needless to pursue further these remarks as to the celebration of Christmas in the past. It has always been at once a religious, domestic, and merry-making festival. The common custom of decking the houses with evergreens is derived from ancient Druid practices. In the churches, even now the holly, ivy, rosemary, bay, laurel, and mistletoe furnish the favorite trimmings, which are not removed until Candlemas. The decorations in our churches this year are specially attractive.

This venerable church fully sustains its reputation of former years for beautiful and artistic decorations at the two grand festivals of the church, Easter and Christmas. As for several years past, the chancel only is decorated, and the beautiful combination of white and green which composes the dressing produces a most pleasing and apwhich it rests, is handsomely draped with A Gothic arch surmounted by a cross stands in the back of the chancel; and pulpit, and lectern, and chancel-rail are all tastefully draped and wreathed. The most imposing large and very handsome white cross standautumn leaves. The font is wreathed with evergreens and filled with white lillies.

ST. JAMES (EPISCOPAL). The pulpit, the chancel-railing, the desks,

handsome, but are confined to the vicinity l"Little Lights" was spoken by Robbie hiser and C. E. Straus.

of the pulpit. The massive columns in | Child, "The Baby's Stocking" by Mary ! front of the pulpit are covered with cedar and holly until they look like the trunks of the Brock," by May and Nannie Ellyson.

Oak trees when covered by ivy. The desk of the pulpit, the reading-desks, and font, of the pulpit are covered with cedar them came "Song of seph J. White presiding.—Charles Nelson, William Burwell, Jim Johnson, Augustus Potter (all colored), charged with being not the pulpit, the reading-desks, and font, of the pulpit are covered by ivy. The desk them came "Song of the Brock," by May and Nannie Ellyson. William Burwell, Jim Johnson, Augustus Potter (all colored), charged with being not the pulpit, the reading-desks, and font, admirably, and were warmly encored. are also covered with evergreen, and the railing of the chancel is completely con- of the merriest things that we ever heard. one lot of copper from Michael Kelley. This cealed by the wall of green which has been By an ingenious device, the snow came case was continued until the 31st instant. placed between it and the congregation. down upon the gay party, and they, gather-The effect of this is very fine, and gives a ing it up, rained down the snow-balls on the Court for stealing from the person of Sam-

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. St. John's church is not very elaborately decorated, but has been dressed with much This is Christmas-day, a stale piece of taste with cedar. Along the pulpit side of news, perhaps, but nevertheless the occa- the church are stretched two wreaths exsion will be hailed with delight by many tending the whole width of the building great happiness in many homes, and one ceiling. Between these, and at equal distances apart, are short wreathes placed perland. With the Church it is a great festi- pendicularly, forming squares. In the cenval, second only to the Queen Festival, tre of each one of these squares, on a white Easter. At first it was the most movable of back-ground, is a different emblem, a cross, tre of each one of these squares, on a white with the Epiphany, and celebrated by the beautifully made of cedar. The galleries are very tastefully hung with long festoonings of evergreens.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH. At St. Mark's Episcopal church, corner of First and Clay streets, the decorations are of the most beautiful description. Not only have the font and chancel been enwreathed with evergreen, but all portions of the building are similarly decorated. On either side of the chancel illuminated texts HOW THE DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN OLD TIMES. have been worked. Among those prominently displayed were the following in beaubrated by the gay and fantastic spectacle of tiful coloring: "Behold, Thy King Cometh," "The King of Glory," "The Star of

The manner in which the church is decorated reflects credit upon all the ladies connected with the work. The Sabbathbull's heads, cherubs, Eastern magni, and school room has also been festooned in a manifold ornaments. The custom of sing- most beautiful manner. To-morrow the ing Christmas carols, which recalled the annual distributions to the children will

GRACE CHURCH, northwest corner of Main and Foushee ops and lower clergy often joined with the streets, has been neatly decorated and prepopulace in carolling, and the songs were pared for the joyous services of the Christ- and other services will be held. enlivened by dances and by the music of mas season. Opposite the centre door, berries are wreathed about the doors, camelias has been provided for the baptismal font. Over the centre loop of the festoons about the choir, as it is also over the door leading from the vestibule into the

> tion "Glory to God." Without being costly or particularly elabrate the decorations are pleasing and pientiful, and give to the church an appearance haps-would be heard the sound of one benefit of the church, at Masonic Hall, on that is calculated to inspire solemn yet glad- solitary cracker, as if a picket had discerned | Twenty-fifth street, Wednesday, Thursday, some thoughts.

middle aisle, is a shield bearing the inscrip-

The services will begin at 11 o'clock today, and the music will be among the nota- irregular firing of the skirmishers, then the liberal patronage. ble attractions. The choir of thirty-five boys are in good training.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The decorations at this pretty little church, situated on Washington street near Seventeenth street, and of which Rev. R. S. Barrett is pastor, are not of the most elaborate character, but are certainly among the most tasteful in the city. Mr. Barrett has been his own architect, and with the assistance of his wife has rendered his little church unusually attractive in appearance. Around the walls within the sacred edifice wreaths of evergreen are festooned, in the loops of with manifold gifts, sweetmeats, apples. which over each window appear crosses of

evergreen. Upon entering the church, that which meets the eye first is the inscription over the chancel, "OF HIS KINGDOM THERE SHALL BE NO END." Upon the left of the chancel is a dove, and on the right the symbolic Star of the East. Underneath the tablets on which the creed is painted is a star of crimchurch, under the wreaths, hoops have been placed, in each of which are Christmas symbols of striking colors, and on the choirgallery is a beautiful lyre of evergreens. decorations is the font, which was arranged by Mrs. Barrett. It is filled with finish to the whole.

MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

While the decorations at this church were not as elaborate as at St. Marks everything was in the most perfect taste. Yesterday afternoon there was a general distribution pied, but benches were placed in the aisles and occupied, and no standing-room was to after severe inquiries. A beautiful poem Sunday school, superintended by Major

ST. ANDREW'S. At this church the decorations are of a beautiful character, and on a better order than usual. The children of this parish were regaled with the usual Christmas offer-

ings. MEADE MEMORIAL CHURCH. The Meade Memorial church, of Manchester, was, as usual, tastefully decorated, and the children connected with the Sabbath school received their annual tributes

from teachers and friends. THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES. are not as elaborate as on former occasions.

At St. Peter's cathedral the altars are appropriately decorated, and present a beautiful appearance. At St. Mary's church there are also appropriate decorations. St. Patrick's church, on Twenty-fifth

street, is decorated with evergreens and flowers about the altars. THE SEVENTH-STREET LUTHERAN.

At the Lutheran church on Seventh street between Grace and Broad the membership have been active in preparing for Christmas. The pulpit, altar, and galleries are all tastefully decorated with wreaths and festoons of evergreens, and to-night the church will be thrown open, on the occasion of the Sunday-school anniversary. An address will then be delivered by the pastor, and a letter read from Professor Parsons, of the University of Japan, to the children. Santa Claus will do his part to make the children bappy by a liberal distribution of good things.

SANTA CLAUS AT THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH. Yesterday evening at 5 o'clock the "infant class" of the Second Baptist church Sunday-school-James B. Winston teacher, and Miss Adelaide Courtney assistant-met in the main audience-room for their Christmas entertainment. Under the excellent management of Mr. Winston and his lady shall & Co. having lately lost a valuable ing just within the chancel-rail and opposite assistants everything had been admirably seal-skin cloak, and Mr. Schen some money, the main aisle, gracefully festooned with arranged. On the pulpit platform stood by the pursuance of that plan by adept hanging moss, intermingled with ferns and two mammoth Christmas-trees loaded with Meenie (now twenty-six years old), Miss Editors Dispatch: For the convenience of timent, "A Merry Christmas." After the large audience had assembled a flood of light was poured upon the fascinating scene, and there was a spell upon the eager of files. B'NAI B'RITH.—At the semi-annual meeting of Paradise Lodge, No. 223, the following officers were elected for the ensuing large size, \$1 and upwards; gem photographs, 50c.

OLIC, AND LUTHERAN CHURCHES-FES- Christmas appearance to this place of wor- audience below. The closing piece was spoken by Master Howard Jones, and well \$18 in money. did be present the difficult "Legend of St. Nicholas."

The exercises closed by the appearance of Santa Claus, applauded to the echo, who dispensed the gifts which bung upon the trees. Everything was admirably conceived bly followed by clearing weather will pre- bearts. It will be a day of retinions and one near the floor and the other near the and as handsomely executed from the beginning to the end, and it will be long be- threatening to heat Virginia Smith. fore we shall enjoy a happier evening than auspices of this Sunday school. The closing of the infant-class exercises was the signal for a sumptuous entertainment of the whole school in the basement under the direction of H. K. Ellyson, the superintendent, and the lady managers.

LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST. The annual meeting of the Leigh-Street Baptist Sunday-school occurs to-day, when the election of officers will take place, speaking and singing indulged in, and the scholars treated to "goodies" appropriate to the season. Superintendent Turpin will pre-

We take this occasion to notice the very handsome and tasty manner in which the school-room has been fitted up. The painting, executed by Montgomery, is much admired for its neatness and excellent appearance; while the benches, made by Gibson, are all that could be desired. On Sunday last the officers, teachers, and scholars numbered 530 persons.

SERVICES TO-DAY. Divine service will be held in the Episcoat 11:30 A. M. At the Catholic churches the usual masses

thers, sons, and daughters mingled together rising from a pile of granite blocks. The Joys.—Christmas in Richmond was inaugin the dance; if in the night, each bearing cross is covered with rich magnolia leaves, urated some hours in advance of schedule Joys .- Christmas in Richmond was inaug- tertainment for the benefit of the fund unin his hand a lighted wax-taper. Many collections have been made of these naive greens and flowers and holly-berries. To and nerve-composing bursts of fire-crackgreens and flowers and holly-berries. To and nerve-composing bursts of fire-crackmediaval carols which filled the hours be- the right of the altar, on the wall, is the ers. The demand for the former instruword "Emanuel," worked in white letters ments could hardly be supplied by the on a field of crimson, the whole enclosed storekeepers. If they had but known that churches. Of perhaps the oldest of these in a white frame, each corner of a number of crusty old bachelors would thank you for your kind offer of an enter-collections, only a single leaf remains, con- which forms a portion of a cross. On write notes to the newspapers attacking the tainment by your son Ralph at Mozart Hall the left a similar frame encloses the vested rights of the boys and pleading for next week in behalf of the Lee monument, word "Redeemer." Cedar and holly- their own tender tympanums they would and I sincerely trust that the effort of the have had on hand larger supplies of horns. young gentleman, in behalf of the noble ing Christmas it is still the custom for the windows, chancel- and choir-railings. An Well, they knew that the youthful mind trust committed to the Board of Managers, evergreen arch spans the tablets, and from | would find no delight in horn-blowing unmountains to Naples and Rome, saluting its keystone, as it were, is suspended a less it annoyed somebody. With the first the shrines of the Virgin Mother with their wild music, under the poetical notion of cheering her until the birth-time of her desk, and fronting the congregation, is a personnel of the virgin Mother with their cross. The chandeliers are also draped with complaints from the old bachelors sales began in earnest. Several bundred tingent complaints from the old bachelors sales began in earnest. Several bundred tingent complaints from the old bachelors sales began in earnest. desk, and fronting the congregation, is a ners who had about struck off work star of immortelles. A bouquet of natural for the Christmas holidays were sent back day afternoon at Mozart Hall as a matinée to their benches, and were able, by dili-

> tion from being absolutely wretched to-day. be able to go. The explosion of tire-crackers on Broad street last night reminded many a battlele ner volleys of the lines of battle as they closed up to each other, and now and then the deep-mouthed utterances of a "baby-It was good enough war for them. It may not have been fun for all grown people, but order from this city. good-natured people not too far past the meridian of life remembered that they were themselves boys once, unless it happened that they were girls, which made a great mac railroad will be closed to-day and on

difference. The boys will have to have their fun out; but one day ought to suffice them. Certainly those who are responsible for the "musical" demonstration cannot complain. If they are so unwise as to do so, let them take care that no boys are about. Failing to do so, they will have a serenade such as they will long remember. Last night the police made some arrests of hornblowers. Light lines were imposed upon Ellyson & Yancey, 1112 Main street. the unfortunates. We shall see to-day what good that course has accomplished. The ladies of the families residing at the Exchange Hotel have provided for the chil-

dren of the house an elegant Christmas-tree, great variety of pretty presents. All the when they visit the parlor this morning delight and gratification. The proprietor of the Exchange will

spread to-day a most sumptuous dinner for James will do likewise. Thanks to each for an invitation.

vices would be needed. Hitherto we have and sky-rockets with small loss in the deness of the Fire Department on this occasion. it is hoped, will be productive of the same desirable result. The proprietors of the James River

Brewery, Messrs. D. G. Yuengling & Co., every year send us a keg of beer of their best brewing. The article is one of the hest and safest of Christmas exhibarators. So the friends called in to give their verdict say.] "Lager beer" cheer" rhyme well. If there is an absence of "musical rythm and surge sublime" in these columns let it not be supposed that Yuengling's liquid is at all deficient; but The decorations in the Catholic churches | rather let it be attributed to the true causereportorial abstinence. CHRISTMAS AMUSEMENTS.—The Texas Jack

> ried and Scouts of the Plains-both spirited pieces, fairly suited to the joyous season. M'lle Morlacchi, in her songs and dances, added greatly to the spirit and pleasure of the occasion. Mr. Omohundro as this city. Texas Jack represented finely the popular idea of the bold western scout. This company is quite a good one, and their efforts | will have a grand lecture by Rev. Dr. Edto please and the merit of their perform- wards, a concert, and a supper at their hall ance, so well suited to the young, entitle in that village on Thursday night. them to consideration. There will be matinee to-day. Boys and girls can scarcely numbers. The following was the cast: Rip been notified by one of the corps of managers that Van Winkle, Frank Ray; Derrick Von their presence is desired. Beekman, a money-lender, F. Antilotti; Cockles, his nephew, R. Pelouze; Nick Vedder, an inn-keeper, H. S. Collier; Jacob Stein, L. Morton; Gretchen, Rip's wife, Miss Sallie Partington; Meenie Van Win-

kle (six years old), Little Minnie; Hendrick Vedder (eight years old), Little Milton; Hendrick Hudson, Spirit of Catskill, C. L. Osborne; Dwarf of Catskill, D. Jackson; Cockles. F. Pelouze; Seth, an inn-keeper, John Archer; Hendrick, Vedder (now twenty-eight years old), A. W. Clayton; two mammoth Christmas-trees loaded with "goodies," decked with a thousand sparkling embellishments, and spanned by an arch on which was inscribed the happy sentiment. "A Merry Christmas." After the twenty-six years old), Miss Marie Howard; Katchen, Miss Marie Howard; Katchen, Miss Marie Howard and yesterday at our establishment we will be open until 12 o'clock to-day.

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POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY .- Justice Jo-

Moses Mason was sent on to the Hustings uel A. Fields one pocket-book containing

NO. 151.

Richard Mailory (colored) was sent to jul one hour, with six lashes, for stealing one piece of lumber from Robert Alvis. Daniel Patterson (colored) was fined \$2 for being disorderly in the market-house. Henrietta Wilson (colored) was fined \$5 and costs for assaulting, abusing, and

James Wilkinson (colored) was sent to this introduction to Christmas under the jail for one hour, with six lashes, for stealing one turkey from B. M. Ricker. Walter Coles (colored), guilty of stealing one pair of pants from Tom Davis, was

LITTLE RALPH, THE BOY ORATOR OF

BETHEL.-There is usually something unpleasant, if not entirely absurd, connected with the idea of a juvenile prodigy, and it is not unfrequently the case that after wit nessing performances by so-called prodigies the verdict of the people is not at all flattering. But we have in our midst a prodigy indeed in the person of Ralph street. Bingham, who has been justly called the "Boy Orator of Bethel." Little Ralph is but seven years old, and while he possesses wonderful talents, is at the same time a genuine child, and a most interesting one. Simply as an exhibition of the power of memory in one so young his performance is remarkable, and when to an extraordinary memory is joined the capacity to understand the language and sentiments he utters, it must be admitted the boy is a phenomenon. Realizing all this, the father of pal churches—generally at 12 M. At St. little Ralph has decided to give to our peo-Mark's the hour for service has been fixed ple an opportunity of judging for themple an opportunity of judging for themselves as to the merits of his son, and at the same time contribute to an object dear to all. With this double object in view, he has offered to the Board of Managers of the THE BOYS AND THE NOISE AND OTHER Lee-Monument Association to give an en-

> in the following note: "RICHMOND, December 22, 1877. " Hamilton Bingham, Esq. : "Dear Sir,-I have the honor, in the name of the Lee-Monument Association, to will be crowned with a munificent return. "I am, most respectfully, your ob dient S. BASSETT FRENCH, "Secretary."

The entertainment will take place Thursperformance in order that ladies and chilgence, to produce by 12 o'clock last night dren, particularly the pupils of the public enough borns to keep the juvenile popula- schools, of whom little Ralph is one, may

scarred veteran of his war experience. the Sewing Circle of Union Station (Meth- popular that they are extensively counterfelted. odist) church will give a supper

KNIGHTS OF HONOR .- John C. Teller, grand dictator, will in a few days establish waker," representing the discharges of the a lodge of this flourishing order in the city artillery. The boys had a jolly time of it. of Portsmouth. The Grand Dictator will be accompanied by several members of the CLOSED To-DAY .- The freight depôt of

> New-Year's day, and freight trains will be suspended on the 24th, 25th, and 31st instant, and on 1st January. THE STOCK BOARD -At the meeting of the Stock Board yesterday it was agreed to

> adjourn over until to-morrow. Chimney Corner, Ledger, Weekly. and Saturday Night for this week received from

A Public Annoyance. As one very much disturbed and fearful

citizen I implore the city authorities to inupon the branches of which are fixed a terdict the dances in the attic story of the house at the corner of Broad and Ninth oung folks have been remembered, and streets. The dances there were stopped last cretion of bile is promoted by these pills, as will be summer. It is a grievance that they are will find their juvenile hearts beating with allowed to be renewed. Last Friday night this attic resounded with such noises as are peculiar to the people assembled there. The director of the dances bellowed loud enough his patrons and invited friends. The St. to be heard at the Old Market. The trumpet brayed, the double-bass groaned, and the neighbors inveighed until 2 o'clock in The firemen were all on the alert last the morning, when the crowd was emptied night, momentarily expecting that their ser- into the street, and such exclamations and laughter arose as was only endurable bepassed the Christmas ordeal of fire-crackers | cause brief. I beg the city authorities to put an extinguisher upon this orgie, and mainstruction of property, and the watchful- tain the public decorum and permit some good people to rest. A QUIET MAN.

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

The Parade To-Day.—The annual parade of the Ragmuffins will take place today. This battalion embraces the Bowling-Green Club and kindred organizations. The down-town bodies will meet those from upand "Christmas town and Swansboro' at the Petersburgrailroad crossing at Hull street. The parade will doubtless attract a large turn-out.

Personal.-George W. Meredith, who left some months since for Wisconsin, has returned to the city. W. L. Richardson, who has been for some time past working at Florence, S. C., is combination commenced an engagement at spending Christmas with his relatives in the Theatre last night, playing Thrice Mar- this city. Miss Rosa Conner, well known in this

city, was married in Petersburg a few days since to Mr. Thomas P. Perkins. Miss Conner is a niece of Mrs. John A. Cersley, of Christmas Festival .- Midlothian Lodge

THE LADY MANAGERS OF THE CALICO BALL have a better treat than to be carried to the to be held at Levy's Hall the evening of December Theatre to witness these invigorating plays. 26th desire to state that no gentleman can obtain Rip Van Winkle was presented at Mozart admission unless he shall have previously pur-Hall last night to an audience of moderate chased of them a ticket, and only such ladies as have

> Mrs. J. R. BRANCH, Mrs. J. B. McCAW. Mrs. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, Mrs. ADAIR PLEASANTS, Mrs. M. PLEASANTS. Mrs. JOHN H. WILLIAMS, Mrs. ISAIAH WHITE, Mrs. WILLIAM H. PERKINS, Madame DE SIBOURG, Mrs. ROBERT E. SCOTT, Mrs. Dr. CULLEN, Mrs. LEWIS M. WEBB.

band of children.

The exercises were opened by the "Children's Te Deum," sung by the whole school with inspiring effect. The infant class then took up the programme and gave (The Jolly Old Christman Tree." Front Concerns were elected for the ensuing term: E. Bottigheimer, president; Israel Stern, vice-president; William Reinheimer, streets, over Southern Express office.

Mr. Rynders, a prominent and well-known citizen at the St. Lawrence Hall, is loud and enthusiastic in his praise of Glers's Liniment Iodide of

zen at the St. Lawrence Hall, is loud and enthusiastic in his praise of GILES'S Limiment Iodide of of the Alderney breed. Apply to "The Jolly Old Christmas Tree," Frank Greentree, warden; A. Cohen, guard. The Ammonia. The joints in his limbs were so stiff that the verses, the class joining representatives to the Grand Lodge, which that it was with difficulty that he could walk, and The decorations at St. Paul's are very in the chorus in the sweetest manner. meets at Columbia, S. C., are Charles Mill- this Liniment cured him. Soldby PURCELL, LADD & Co., Richmond.

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THOMPSON BROWN, 4 P. M., trustee's sale of brick dwelling No. 105 east Canal street. FRANK D. HILL, 12 M., Richmond Enquirer newspaper office, good-will, subscription-list, types, presses, engine. &c.

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